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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND  
PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Please amend the application as follows:

In the Specification:

Page 5, line <sup>30</sup>17, delete "of the present invention".

In the Claims:

Please add new claims 21-22.

- 21. A method of preventing aneurysm formation in a protective balloon coating which overlays a pinhole in the balloon wall, the method comprising providing side venting relief edges throughout the coating whereby pinholes occurring under the coating between said relief edges will vent sideways to said relief edges when the balloon is pressurized.
22. The method of claim 21 wherein the coating is a uniform discontinuous pattern coating.--

**REMARKS**

Restriction has been required between the patentably distinct species of Figures 1, 3, 4 and 5, respectively. The basis of distinction has not been stated but is deduced to be as follows:

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